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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is being timely filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 12, 2000, in connection with the above-captioned application. Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I (Claims 1-32) and expressly reserve the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims. Further, Applicants respectfully request for the Examiner to include claims 47, 49 and 50 with Group I for the reasons provided below.